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John,

Gibbs College in Boston is unable to discuss specific records of alumnus Mike DiGiacomo because he has not waived his federal privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Unfortunately, this means that it appears Mr. DiGiacomo's claims will go largely unchecked in this segment.

That being said, Gibbs College has never offered a degree in Animation. However, classes in animation and computer illustration were offered as part of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Visual Communications program, which Mr. DiGiacomo earned in 2005. This program of study was designed to provide students with basic knowledge and skills in graphic design and introduce them to more advanced multimedia and animation techniques, including computer knowledge software applications employed in the graphic design industry. All students took the core visual communications and general education courses, and then selected electives in animation, graphic design or web design/multimedia. The courses that a student takes would appear on the official transcript, but not on the diploma awarded. We stand by the quality of the programs offered.

It is against our policies for any school official to make promises of industry contacts.

As for military funding, Veterans Affairs sources such as the GI Bill have totaled no more than 0.2 percent of revenue for Gibbs College - Boston in each of the last nine years.

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